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SUBJECT: MEO REFUGEES IN THAILAND

1. IN THE COURSE OF A TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI TODAY, HE EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN WITH REGARD TO THE SUPPORT WHICH IS AVAILABLE FOR MEO REFUGEES IN THAILAND. HE SAID THAT UNHCR WAS MAKING \$500,000 AVAILABLE AND HAD PROMISED \$3.1 MILLION. THIS SUM WAS NOT NEARLY ENOUGH TO FEED AND CARE FOR THE ESTIMATED 35,000 MEO NOW IN THAILAND.

2. I STATED THAT ALTHOUGH I WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDING OF THE \$3.1 MILLION, I DOUBTED THAT THE U.S. AND PROBABLY OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS HAD AS YET BEEN MADE. IT APPEARED TO ME THEREFORE THAT WHILE THE MINISTER'S CONCERN WAS UNDERSTANDABLE, ADDITIONAL FUNDS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE PROVIDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

3. CHATCHAI APPEARED SOMEWHAT RELIEVED. HE COMMENTED THAT PRINCE SADRUHIN AGA KHAN WOULD BE COMING TO BANGKOK IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND THAT HE
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WOULD ARRANGE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MEET AT

THAT TIME.
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